THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) As on 31.3. 96 there were 5,01,850 employees covered under the ESI Scheme in Karnataka. The ESI coverage in Karnataka increased by 23.91% over the last 5 years.

(b) Ther are two ESI hospitals in bangalore and one each in Chitradurga, North Kannada, Dharwar, Mysore, South Kannada. One ESI Hospital at Shabad, Gulbarga, has been constructed and handed over to the State Government for commissioning. Another ESI hospital at belgaum is nearing completion. A Statement showing number of ESI dispensaries is annexed.

(c) There are suggestions for making improvement in the Standard of medical care under the ESI Scheme.

(d) There is no proposal at present to extend the ESI Scheme in the unorganised sector.

Statement

Number of ESI dispensaries functioning in Karnataka.

District wise

Sl. No.	Name of the district	No. of dispensaries
1	Bangalore	60
2.	Chitradurga	7
3.	Kolar	4
4.	Shimoga	2
5.	Tumkur	3
6.	Belgaum	9
7.	Bijapur	3
8.	North Kannada	2
9.	Dharwar	12
10.	Gulbarga	9
11.	Bellary	5
12.	Raichur	3
13.	Mysore	11
14.	Mandya	3
15.	Hassan	1
16.	South Kannada	14
	Total:	148

ठेकेदारों द्वारा नियुक्त किए गए कर्मकारों की संख्या में वृद्धि

1009. **श्री अजीत जोगी:**
श्री एस० एस० सुरजेवाला:

क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या देश में ठेकेदारों द्वारा नियुक्त किए जा रहे कर्मकारों की संख्या में वृद्धि हो रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ठेकेदारों द्वारा कर्मकारों के नियोजन पर प्रतिबंध लगाने के लिए कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० पी० वीरेन्द्र कुमार): (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Amendment to Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986

1016. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governement's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Ministry undecided on Child Labour Bill', appearing in the Times of India, dated the 4th July, 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the issue was discussed at the Labour Ministers' Conference held recently;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of the action plan formulated in this regard; and

(f) the steps proposed to be taken to amend the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Times of India dated 4th July, 1997 has reported that the Ministry of Labour has not been able to decide whether it should make necessary amendments in the existing legislation prohibiting employment of children in various

occupations and processes in order to make it more effective or it should replace it with a new law.

(c) to (f) Yes, Sir. Majority of the States were of the view that all children in the age group of 6-14 must receive education up to the primary level as a matter of fundamental right, implying that the present approach of prohibition and regulation be scrapped in favour of 100% prohibition oriented new law. Pending the enactment of a new law which would be 100% prohibition oriented and may take some time, several suggestions for amendment in the existing law have been made in the Conference. These suggestions would be taken into account while finalising the amendent proposal.

मध्य प्रदेश में इन्दिरा कृषि श्रमिक दुर्घटना क्षतिपूर्ति योजना

1017. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव:** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में इन्दिरा कृषि श्रमिक दुर्घटना क्षतिपूर्ति योजना कब से लागू की गई है;

(ख) इस योजना के अन्तर्गत कृषि श्रमिकों को किन परिस्थितियों में क्षतिपूर्ति की जाती है;

(ग) वर्ष 1994-95 और 1996-97 में इस योजना के अन्तर्गत मध्य प्रदेश के किन जिलों में कितने कृषि श्रमिकों की क्षतिपूर्ति की गई है; और

(घ) पूरक जानकारी के दौरान केन्द्र और राज्य सरकार द्वारा क्षतिपूर्ति के रूप में दी गई धनराशि का ब्यौरा क्या है?

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम०पी० वीरेन्द्र कुमार): (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Inclusion of Teachers as workmen

1018. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Industrial Disputes Act to include teachers under the definition of workmen; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Supreme Court in the case of Ms. A. Sundram Bal Vs Government of Goa Daman and Diu held that although educational institution is an industry, a teacher working in an educational institution is not a workman under the ID Act. Supreme Court of India had directed that Government should take necessary steps to bring an appropriate legislation providing for adjudication of disputes between teachers and management of educational institutions. Subsequently, a sub-committee of the Consultative Committee of the Parliament attached to the Ministry of Labour headed by Shri Gurudas Das Gupta, M.P. studied the service conditions of teachers in private schools and recommended a comprehensive legislation for the teachers in private schools.

Necessary action is being taken in the light of Judgement of the Supreme Court of India and recommendation of Shri Gurudas Das Gupta Committee on the issue of providing legislative protection to the teachers as workman under the ID Act.

Review Commission for Labour Laws

1019. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the various aspects of labour problems in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to appoint a Review Commission to look into the labour laws which have become outdated; and

(c) the impact of liberalisation and globalisation towards labour reforms?